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FROM AMBASSADOR

SUBJECT: JANUARY 3 CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT BHUTTO
RE HIS LETTER TO PRESIDENT

REF: STATE 233015

1. I MET WITH PRESIDENT BHUTTO IN HIS KARACHI RESIDENCE
AT 1100 HOURS LOCAL TIME. THE CONVERSATION WHICH ENSUED
LASTED FOR APPROXIMATELY 45 MINUTES. AMONG OTHER MATTERS
DISCUSSED WAS THE AFORESAID SUBJECT. SEPTELS FOLLOW.

2. WITH ALL THE CARE BEFITTING THE MATTER, I ENUNCIATED
THE VARIOUS SUBJECTS AND POINTS MADE IN PARAS 2, 3 AND
4 OF REFTEL. PRESIDENT BHUTTO EXPRESSED HIS FULL APPRECIATION
FOR THE POINTS MADE AND INDICATED
COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING. HIS ONE ADDITIONAL SUBSTANTIVE
COMMENT OUTSIDE THE CONTEXT OF THAT TO WHICH WE WERE
SPEAKING, WAS HIS EXPRESSION OF HOPE THAT THE UNITED STATES
WOULD USE ALL OF ITS INFLUENCE IN EVERY POSSIBLE AREA "TO
HELP GET OUR MEN BACK FROM EAST PAKISTAN." I TOLD HIM I
WOULD ADVISE MY GOVERNMENT NOT ONLY OF HIS REQUEST BUT OF
HIS GREAT CONCERN FOR THE WELFARE OF HIS COUNTRYMEN.

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3. PERTAINING TO PARAGRAPH 5 OF REFTEL, I TOLD PRESIDENT BHUTTO THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD AUTHORIZED NEGOTIATIONS TO BEGIN WITH THE GOP FOR A NEW PL-480 TITLE I AGREEMENT, AND SPELLED OUT THAT WHICH WAS INVOLVED BOTH IN FOOD AND IN VALUE. I WENT ON TO STATE THAT THIS ACTION WAS TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF USG'S AWARENESS OF THE FOOD REQUIREMENTS NOW OF MOMENT TO WEST PAKISTAN, AND ALSO A CONCRETE INDICATION OF USG'S DESIRE TO ASSIST GOP ON ITS ROAD BACK TO RECOVERY FROM THE TRAGIC EVENTS RECENTLY TRANSPIRED. PRESIDENT BHUTTO EXPRESSED HIS SINCERE AND DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THIS ACTION, INDICATING THAT IT REFLECTED PRECISELY NOT ONLY WHAT I HAD SAID, BUT IN ADDITION INDICATED A MAJOR STEP TOWARD THE RETURN TO NORMALCY. HE ADDED THAT, AS HE HAD HERETOFORE INFORMED ME AND AS HE HAD PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED, HE WAS LOOKING TOWARD A "NEW ERA IN US-PAK RELATIONSHIP."

4. SAYING THAT THE IMPORTANCE OF MY COMMENTS WAS SUCH THAT THE FOREIGN OFFICE SHOULD BE MADE AWARE THEREOF, HE ASKED THAT THE DCM IN ISLAMABAD CONTACT THE FOREIGN SECRETARY SULTAN KHAN AND CONVEY THE GIST OF THIS MESSAGE TO HIM ALSO. DCM TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED TO DO SO.
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